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THE FOLLOWING TEL FROM VIENTIANE DATED NOV 5, 1973
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1. WE HAVE RECEIVED WHAT IS CLEARLY A CIRCULAR NOTE FROM THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (GVN) EMBASSY REQUESTING THAT USG SUPPORT GVN CANDIDACY FOR SEAT ON COUNCIL OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION (FAOO).

NOTE

INDICATES THAT, ALTHOUGH GVN HAS BEEN FAO MEMBER SINCE 1950, DUE TO PREOCCUPATION WITH WAR, THIS FIRST TIME IT OR ANY INDOCHINA STATE HAS SOUGHT FAO COUNCIL SEATE, AND THAT VIETNAM IS PRIMARILY AGRICULTURAL COUNTRY DESIRING MORE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN FAO AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION EFFORTS GENERALLY.

2. NOTE REQUESTS THAT EMBASSY "INFORM ITS GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM'S ATTEMPT."

3. UNLESS DEPARTMENT HAS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR INCLUSION OUR RESPONSE, WE WILL MERELY ACKNOWLEDGE NOTE AND INDICATE THAT REQUEST HAS BEEN TRANSMITTED TO WASHINGTON.

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